Late-Nineteenth Century Building Styles

With the success of the railroad, Rockville's population boomed in the Victorian era. Buildings constructed during this period were heavily adorned and loosely based on medieval prototypes, with asymmetrical façades having multi-colored or multi-textured walls. Reduced manufacturing and delivery costs, combined with nationwide advertising, assured widespread use of factory-produced elements, such as windows, doors and interior newel posts and corner blocks on window trim.

OUEEN ANNE (1880-1910)

Houses in the Queen Anne style are irregularly shaped with varying textured wall surfaces, extensive porches, and heavy adornment. The Greene House, at 11 Laird Street and built circa 1891, is a good example of the Queen Anne style in Rockville. The house features a "Rockville bay" window, octagonal turret, and front porch decorated with spindle frieze and turned posts. The "Rockville bay" appears on many homes in Rockville and is characterized by the polygonal shape and shallow-pitched roof. It may be one or two stories high.



212 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺

1878



39 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺



310 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺

1887







115 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺

1888



300 Reading Ave. 🔺



203 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺

1888



100 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺



14 S. Adams St. 🔺

1889







114 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺

1889



117 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺



419 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺

1889



541 Beall Ave. 🔺



108 Forest Ave. 🔺

21







103 S. Adams St. 🔺

1890



218 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺



11 Laird St. 🔺

1891



314 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺



100 Forest Ave. 🔺

1891







304 Great Falls Rd.





200 W. Jefferson St. 🔺



16 Wall St. 🔺





21 Wall St. 🔺



25 Wall St. 🔺

1892







22 Baltimore Rd. 📥

1895



201 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺



702 Maple Ave. 🔺

1896



300 Great Falls Rd.



18 Maryland Ave.

1897







206 Reading Ave.

1898



818 Veirs Mill Rd.



550 Reading Ave. 🔺

1898



720 W. Montgomery Ave.



521 W. Montgomery Ave.

1900





19 Wall St. 🔔

1900

105 S. Washington St. 🔺

1902





1025 Scott Ave.

1903

140 S. Adams St.

1905





301 Baltimore Rd.

1907

307 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺

ROMANESQUE (1880-1900)

Built of stone or brick, Romanesque style buildings incorporate rough textures and asymmetrical façades. Towers are usually present and round arches are commonly used above window and doorways. The Red Brick Courthouse, at 29 Courthouse Square and built in 1891, is one of two examples of the Romanesque style in Rockville. The building features a granite basement and tower.



29 Courthouse Sq. 🔺

1891



21 Wood Ln. A

1892

SHINGLE (1880-1900)

The shingle style is a free-form architectural style that incorporates design elements from a variety of building traditions. shingle style buildings are identifiable by the presence of continuous wood shingles on wall surfaces, asymmetrical facades, and intersecting cross gable roofs. The Almoney House, at 105 S. Van Buren Street and built in 1889, is an example of a vernacular shingle style house in Rockville. It features a main front gable roof and a lower cross gable, shingles, and uneven wall surfaces.



105 S. Van Buren St. 🔺

1889



710 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺

1878



5 N. Adams St.

1793/1853/1887



Folk Victorian/carpenter gothic style houses are identifiable by their decorative detailing reminiscent of formal Victorian and gothic revival style houses but are not as embellished. The house at 327 Lincoln Avenue, built in 1893, is a good example of the blending of gothic revival and formal Victorian styles with its center gable and wide front porch with spindle frieze. In many instances, the house form is the dominant element, even as they draw on this folk Victorian style in Rockville. These houses are grouped below as Victorian vernacular: gable front, gable front and wing, and side gable.



400 W. Montgomery Ave. 🔺

1887



109 N. Adams St. 🔺

1892

Folk Victorian/Carpenter Gothic, continued





327 Lincoln Ave.

1893

905 Maple Ave.

1897





401 Baltimore Rd.

1898

808 Veirs Mill Rd.